

they need to become productive and engaged citizens, and have been some of our State's most treasured role models—setting positive examples for the children that surround them, teaching personal responsibility and hard work, and shaping the character of young minds. For these achievements, our State and our country owe them a great deal of gratitude.

Since being elected to Congress in 1996, I have been ever mindful that I am a beneficiary of the State of New Hampshire's public education system. A system that is an exemplary model due in large measure to the contributions and leadership of the many educators and schools being recognized this year. I am confident that the success we enjoy in our State is due to their efforts.

Mr. President, I ask that the list of the 2005 New Hampshire Excellence in Education Award winners be printed in RECORD.

The list follows.

2005 NH EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARDS
RECIPIENTS

Londonderry School Board
Seabrook School Board
Dr. Marilyn Brannigan
Barbara Brennan
William Church
MaryAnn Connors-Krikorian
Kathleen Custer
Cynthia Dow
Deborah Gibson
Heidi E. Hale Miller
Elizabeth A. Hansel
Kathryn G. Hanson
Bernard Keenan
Mary Alyce Knightly
Lise Lemieux
Jay Lewis
Shelley Lochhead
Steve Lord
Suzanne Lull
Meg Maroni
Maria Matarazzo
Terrence McKenzie
Marie H. Mellin
Michele Munson
Jane M. Murray
Dr. Charles Ott
Robert Pedersen
David St. Jean
Barbara Szabunka
Randy Wormald
Linda A. Wright
Dr. Phyllis Scrocco Zrzavy

Schools

Dover High School
South Meadow Middle School
Golden Brook School
The Whitefield School

School Finalists

Holderness Central School
Dunbarton Elementary School●

TSP CELEBRATES 75 YEARS

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, it is with great honor that I rise today to publicly congratulate The Spitznagel Partners, Inc., TSP, on its 75th anniversary as one of South Dakota's premier architectural, engineering, and construction firms.

Founded in Sioux Falls on June 9, 1930, by Sioux Falls native, Harold T. Spitznagel, TSP is the largest architec-

tural and engineering firm in the State. Throughout its 75 years, TSP has contributed to the landscape of 100 different South Dakota communities. Among its most notable structures are the Sylvan Lake Hotel, Sioux Falls City Hall, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Sioux Falls Arena, IBP/Tyson Foods Corporate Headquarters, South Dakota Technology Business Center, Harrisburg High School, and Sioux Falls Veterans' Memorial Park.

Following the firm's significant expansion in 1969, TSP established offices in Minnesota, Wyoming, Colorado, Iowa, and Nebraska. Accordingly, what was once a small budding company staffed by a single person in Sioux Falls is now a prominent firm with offices in nine cities and over 200 employees.

Mr. President, it is with great honor that I share with my colleagues the accomplishments of Harold T. Spitznagel, his partners, associates, and employees. TSP's proven success will undoubtedly continue to enhance both the beauty and property of South Dakota for many years to come.●

HONORING THE CITY OF SPENCER,
SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and publicly recognize the 125th anniversary of the founding of the city of Spencer, SD. On June 18, 2005, the citizens of Spencer will celebrate their city's proud past, as well as their hope for a promising future.

Located in southeastern South Dakota, the origin of Spencer's name is a bit contentious. One story tells of an Indian Camp located exactly where the town of Spencer now sits. One tale has it that scouts from the Lewis and Clark expedition came across the Indian Camp in 1804, where they found an ill and weary Indian woman with her new born baby. After nursing the two back to health, the woman gave the men a short jacket, known as a "Spencer" jacket, as a token of her gratitude. Additionally, she prophesied that a city would one day flourish there; decades later, her prophecy was fulfilled. The railroad came to Dakota Territory in 1887, and in the words of the Spencer News, the town "like a mushroom, sprang into existence." Similarly, the other account of Spencer's name asserts it was named for Hugh Spencer, the division superintendent of the Omaha Railroad.

Platted in 1880, Spencer was officially incorporated into McCook County in 1917. Ever since E. L. Hunskaar opened the town's first railroad depot in 1887, the community has been home to a number of prosperous businesses and has supported farmers and ranchers across the region.

Unfortunately, as many know, Spencer suffered a horrific tragedy in 1998 when the most destructive tornado in South Dakota history, an F-4, devastated the region. On Saturday, May 30, the tornado ripped through the tiny

town, killing six people and injuring over 150 of Spencer's 320 residents. I remember peering over the city from a ladder on a Sioux Falls fire truck and thinking how much the terrible scene resembled a Civil War battlefield. Most of the houses were reduced to rubble; the post office, first station, library, bank, and multiple churches were all destroyed. Despite the devastation, Spencer's dedicated residents committed themselves to the rebuilding effort with undaunted determination. As a result of the residents' diligence and determination, Spencer commemorates its 125th anniversary as a proud and thriving town.

In the twelve and a half decades since its founding, Spencer has proven its ability to flourish and survive. Spencer's proud residents celebrate its 125th anniversary on June 18, 2005, and it is with great pleasure that I share with my colleagues the achievements made by this remarkable and resilient community.●

HONORING THE TOWN OF De
SMET, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and publicly recognize the 125th anniversary of the founding of the town of De Smet, SD. As the 125th anniversary approaches, De Smet looks back on a proud history and looks forward to a promising future.

Founded in 1880 by the Western Town Lot Company, De Smet is almost equidistant from the Nebraska State line and from the North Dakota State line. Situated in central Kingsbury County, De Smet is named for Father Pierre Jean De Smet, a Belgian priest who tirelessly worked among the region's local Indian tribes. Despite the town's status as Kingsbury County seat, De Smet originally was sparsely populated, home predominantly to single men. The arrival of the Chicago Northwestern Railroad in 1880, however, sparked an influx of residents that included many families.

In 1889, De Smet's most notable resident, Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of the Little House on the Prairie books which evolved into the longest running series in TV history, arrived with her family. While her series immortalizes this great community, every summer De Smet honors the famous writer with the Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant.

Another of De Smet's attractions is Washington Park, host to countless family picnics and outdoor activities. The park is also home to a statue honoring Father Pierre Jean De Smet, the duplicate of which is located in his hometown of Dendermonde, Belgium. De Smet's statue, which was dedicated to the public on June 8, 1986, established a bond between Dendermonde, Belgium and De Smet, SD and the two became sister cities.

De Smet's other distinguished landmarks include the historic courthouse, the Ingalls Homestead, the Loftus Store, and the De Smet Depot, a museum immortalizing the town's past.

Additionally, De Smet's over 1,100 residents have come to count on The News, founded in 1880, and The Kingsbury County Independent, established in 1890, for quality and accurate reporting on local events and affairs.

In the twelve and a half decades since its founding, De Smet has proven its ability to thrive, while preserving and cherishing its rich past. De Smet's proud residents celebrate its 125th anniversary on June 11, 2005, and it is with great honor that I share with my colleagues the achievements made by this great community. ●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 1815. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1815. To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year; to the Committee on Armed Services.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 810. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2384. A communication from the Deputy Chief Counsel for Regulations, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy Act of 1974: Implementation of Exemptions; Registered Traveler Operations Files" ((RIN1652-AA36) (Docket TSA-2004-18984)) received on May 26, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2385. A communication from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer, United States Olympic Committee, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2386. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation Rule for 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS—Phase 1" (FRL No. 7918-6) received on May 26, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2387. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Arizona State Implementation Plan, Maricopa County" (FRL No. 7912-3) received on May 26, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2388. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maine; Smaller-Scale Electric Generating Resources" (FRL No. 7915-1) received on May 26, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2389. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maine; VOC Regulations" (FRL No. 7913-3) received on May 26, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2390. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2391. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Personnel Management's (OPM) Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program Report for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2392. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Treaty on Open Skies of March 24, 1992; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2393. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated Issue: Notice 2002-50 'Tax Shelter'" (Uniform Issue List No.: 9300.21-00) received on May 26, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2394. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch,

Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additional Rules for Exchanges of Personal Property under Section 1031(a)" ((RIN1545-BD25) (TD 9202)) received on May 26, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2395. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Governing Practice Before the Internal Revenue Service (Circular 230—Shelter)" ((RIN1545-BA70) (TD 9201)) received on May 26, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2396. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Examinations, Inspections and Reopenings" (Rev. Proc. 2005-32) received on May 26, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2397. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Trust Fund Recovery Penalty Revenue Procedure" (Rev. Proc. 2005-34) received on May 26, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2398. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Regarding Qualified Intellectual Property Contributions" (Notice 2005-41) received on May 26, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2399. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Credit for Increasing Research Activities" ((RIN1545-BD60) (TD 9205)) received on May 26, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2400. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Declaratory Judgment Procedures under 7479" (Rev. Proc. 2005-33) received on May 26, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2401. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Deemed Corporate Election for Electing S Corporations" ((RIN1545-BC32) (TD 9203)) received on May 26, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2402. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mortgage Revenue Bonds" ((RIN1545-BC59) (TD 9204)) received on May 26, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2403. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assumption of Partner Liabilities" ((RIN1545-AX93) (TD 9207)) received on May 26, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2404. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appeals Settlement Guidelines: Transfer or Sale of Compensatory Options or Restricted Stock to Related Persons" (UIL: 9300.28.00) received on May 26, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.